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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAKAR 4734

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, ML, US  
SUBJECT: MALIAN REQUEST FOR US MILITARY ASSISTANCE

REF: STATE 158083

1. MISSION DOES NOT BELIEVE SENEGALESE WOULD BE CONCERNED ABOUT LIMITED MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO MALI. ON CONTRARY, THEY WOULD PROBABLY BE DELIGHTED TO SEE US PROVIDE SOME MILITARY AID IN HOPES IT WOULD PARTIALLY OFFSET MALI'S DEPENDENCE ON SOVIET EQUIPMENT AND ASSISTANCE.

2. SENEGAL IS LESS CONCERNED WITH INDIGENOUS MALIAN INTENTIONS THAN IT IS WITH SOVIET LEVERAGE RESULTING FROM SIZEABLE IN-COUNTRY PRESENCE AND MALIAN RELIANCE ON SOVIET EQUIPMENT. AS EVIDENCED BY RECENT OAU SUMMIT, SENEGAL HAS BEEN DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER DANGER OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN AFRICA SINCE SOVIET/CUBAN OFFENSIVE IN ANGOLA. THIS CONCERN IS REFLECTED IN GENERAL MISTRUST OF SOVIET  
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INTENTIONS IN WEST AFRICA. PART OF SENEGAL'S RESPONSE TO THIS SITUATION IS EFFORT TO ENGAGE NEIGHBORS IN NETWORK OF FUNCTIONAL AGREEMENTS RANGING FROM OMVS COOPERATION TO CEAO NON-AGGRESSION PACT, TO DEVELOP SOME BALANCE TO SOVIET INFLUENCE. MODEST U.S. ASSISTANCE, SUCH AS PARACHUTES, WOULD PROBABLY BE SEEN AS COMPLEMENTING THIS POLICY.

3. HOWEVER, AS REPORTED (E.G., DAKAR 4639), SENEGAL  
WOULD BE SENSITIVE TO ANY SUGGESTION THAT US WAS REWARDING  
MORE RADICAL REGIMES WHILE NEGLECTING NEEDS OF ESTABLISHED  
US FRIENDS WHO HAVE SUPPORTED AMERICAN INITIATIVES AND  
BEEN CHAMPIONS OF MODERATE CAUSES IN AFRICA. DEPARTMENT  
IS WELL AWARE OF SENEGAL'S IMET REQUEST FOR INSTRUCTION  
AND PARTICULARLY FOR TRAINING OF PILOTS TO FLY ITS SEVEN(7)  
US ORIGIN C-47/DC-3S. SENEGALESE WOULD NOT UNDERSTAND  
US DECISION TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR MALI BEYOND THAT WHICH  
WE ARE ABLE TO OFFER SENEGAL.  
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